

The NATURE TRAIL winds its way through grasslands, woodlands and newly created wetlands, as well as taking in the historic King William's Bridge and Castle Hill Earthworks.

Seek out the RUBBING PLAQUES, some 14 in all, showing aspects of nature, plus a special plaque, linked to Park Service's award winning PASSPORT TO PARKS, and reminding us of the park's rich history. Additional signs provide information on some key natural and historical features.



## Wildlife

As you will discover from the plaques, the park is home to a wide variety of wildlife: Buzzards and Kestrels are often seen circling or hovering overhead, and Kingfishers down by the Rothley Brook. Butterflies, Dragonflies and Damselflies are a common sight in summer. If lucky, you may even catch glimpse of a Fox, Badger or the shy Muntjac (deer).

## Trees

The trail also takes in some fine old trees including Willows and Ash trees covered in lichen besides the Rothley Brook, multi stemmed Hazel and Field Maples and craggy-barked Black Poplars. The twisted 'Great Oak, is a must-see, as is Blue Bell Wood and neighbouring Orchard in spring time.



## Visitor Information

Centred on the park's Castle Hill and Nothill Quarters, the trail is around 3km in length.

Much of the trail follows natural grown-mown tracks, with the occasional steep slope, and takes a good couple of hours to complete, so suitable footwear and clothing are a must.

There are plenty of wood benches on route to rest and take in the views, including nearby Bradgate Park and the Charnwood hills.

Don't forget to bring along paper and crayons for the rubbing plaques!

# CASTLE HILL COUNTRY PARK

## Children's Nature Trail

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### Key to rubbing plaques:

1. Ash leaf
2. Bluebell
3. Squirrel
4. Buzzard
5. Field Maple
6. Acorn
7. Oak
8. Newt
9. Heron
10. Willow
11. Frog
12. Bat
13. Butterfly
14. Dragonfly



• Entry Point

A partnership project between Leicester City Council Parks Services & Friends of Castle Hill Country Park